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Local Items.

Commodore Blair was in town this week.

The Crispin mill on Queen Creek started up to-day.

Mr. Pat Holland made a short visit to Tucson this week.

It really looks as though a very wet winter is coming.

Al. Richeson is in Phenix, enjoying the prohibition boom.

The stores are displaying a fine array of gaudy holiday goods.

Mr. Aaron Mason went to California last Tuesday, on business matters.

The late rains destroyed many adobe that were not protected from the weather.

A circus is billed to appear at Casa Grande next Friday night, December 16th.

Mr. L. B. Van Burt, the man of beverages, paid Florence a visit this week in a business way.

Dr. W. L. Wardwell and Mrs. T. D. Hammond went to Silver King by Wednesday's stage.

Mr. J. B. Remy has 3000 grape roots, a lot of ornamental trees and potted geraniums for sale.

Mr. R. C. Brown of the ENTERPRISE, went to San Francisco on Tuesday to be absent a couple of weeks.

The Georgia Minstrels have been refreshing the cultured people of Tucson with plantation melodies.

Frank Wagoner, of Tucson, passed through Florence on Sunday, en route to Salt River valley to locate.

Mr. George Morse has leased the Montezuma ranch of Mr. F. L. Austin, and will cultivate it this year.

Mrs. B. J. Drew has leased Sheriff Fryer's residence and will open a boarding house there in a short time.

J. J. Hyde has sold the Mohave Miner to F. C. Funston. Mr. F. has had charge of the paper for a long time.

Mr. Chas. F. Hoff, representing Messrs. C. Seligmann & Co., Tucson, came in on Thursday to interview the merchants.

Mr. W. C. Smith came up from Casa Grande again on Thursday evening to look after his property interests here.

The Otero ditch in the Santa Cruz valley near Canoa, is to be pushed to completion and the money is put up to build it.

Hon. P. R. Brady has let a contract for the erection of two dwelling houses, on his block between Pinal and Bailey street.

Mr. C. T. Shaw came down from the Reynart camp on Thursday and went to Quijotas, where he will reside in the future.

The roads have improved greatly with the return of pleasant weather and the stages and freight teams now make regular time.

Mr. J. Champion, the owner of the Casa Grande lumber yards, was in town this week, looking after his extensive interests here.

Mr. Omer Richie and family left on Tuesday for the Vekol camp. They will probably stop in Casa Grande a day or two en route.

There will be election of officers by Florence Lodge No. 4, A. O. U. W., to-night and every member in good standing should attend.

It is rumored that two or three Pinal irrepressibles come to grief a few days ago for playing an embarrassing practical joke upon a newly married man.

Christmas will be along just two weeks from to-morrow if it arrives on schedule time, and it will be as big a day in Florence as anywhere else in the world.

Misses Emily A. Squires and Bessie Marshall came from Casa Grande on Monday to attend the teachers examination. They returned home Wednesday.

Mr. J. P. Gabriel came down from Riverside on Tuesday and left the next day with Mr. Hinson Thomas for Quijotas. They will be absent about four or five days.

In the gardens upon the higher lands in the southern part of Florence the frost has scarcely injured vegetation and tomatoes to vines are as bright and green as in the summer season.

The Reynart mill after a successful run, shut down on Thursday for a few necessary repairs that require only a day or two to make. The Reynart is now a steady producer.

Messrs. C. Seligmann & Co., of Tucson, have secured the agency of the celebrated Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company of Milwaukee, bottled beer, and will supply the trade at satisfactory prices.

Mr. Oscar P. Atwood, the efficient and popular teacher of the Silver King public school, left for his home yesterday, having visited Florence for the purpose of appearing before the board of school examiners.

Wild ducks of all kinds are plentiful along the river and sportsmen have no difficulty in bagging a dozen or two in half a day's hunt. The game is in prime condition and some of the big mallards and canvas-backs are particularly excellent.

Hon. P. R. Brady left on Sunday in his private conveyance for Tucson to get a millwright to place his flouring mill in good working order. The pretreated mechanic he employed turned out a. g., and considerable of the machinery will have to be remodeled and readjusted.

Mr. T. M. Daulton, of Silver King, left on Thursday for Seattle, Washington Territory, which place he will make his future home. Mr. Daulton has many warm friends in Pinal county who regret bidding him adieu but who wish him the fullest measure of success in his new home.

W. V. Elliott sustained a severe sprain of the ankle a few days ago. While getting out of a buckboard at Riverside he stepped upon a stone which gave the ankle a such a twist that he returned to Florence and is just barely able to get around with the aid of a strong cane.

The Veterans to Organize.

The late war veterans in Pinal and Silver King are moving in the matter of establishing a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in response to the request of Provisional Department Commander A. L. Grow, Mr. B. W. Connolly has posted notices that read as follows:

ATTENTION, OLD SOLDIERS.

All honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, who served during the war of the rebellion are requested to notify B. W. Connolly by dropping a letter in Pinal P. O., so as to consider the propriety of organizing a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in this county.

The object is to combine our strength and numbers with the veterans of Florence to organize a strong Post of G. A. R. to be represented in Phenix on the 17th of January, 1888.

THE FLORENCE VETERANS.

There are now twelve names on the roll in Florence for the formation of a Post, and so soon as arrangements can be made for mustering in, a Post will be organized. All old soldiers or sailors desiring to participate in the organization will please send their names to this office to be placed on the roll at once.

Teachers Examined.

The board of school examiners, consisting of Probate Judge Levi Ruggles, and Messrs. Hinson Thomas and Geo. E. Evans, met on Monday and Tuesday to examine all applicants for positions as teachers that might present themselves. The following were examined and were awarded certificates in the grade set opposite their respective names:

Miss Emily A. Squires, first grade.
Miss Gustie Hildebrandt, first grade.
Oscar P. Atwood, second grade.
Miss Julia R. McCord, second grade.
Miss Bessie Marshall, second grade.
Mrs. M. O. Martial, second grade.

All the teachers passed excellent examinations, and Miss Emily A. Squires attained the highest grade of degree of perfection indicated by 99 1/2 per cent.

The health of the people of Florence has, generally speaking, been excellent so far this season, and only an occasional "cold" or a slight "croup" in children, has been observed.

The diphtheria that has been lurking in the vicinity of several of the cities of southern Arizona, has not yet made its appearance here, and with a little precaution it may be kept away perpetually. The most scrupulous cleanliness about the house and premises should be observed, and all filth and garbage removed to a considerable distance. Disinfectants, judiciously used occasionally, will aid in keeping away the dreadful disease, and a careful regard for the health in diet and clothing is particularly recommended.

Should the disease appear in the neighborhood, all water used as a beverage should be first boiled. By attending to these simple directions but little fear need be apprehended from diphtheria or any similar disease.

The experience of some of the farmers of this valley in growing oats has been somewhat varied. Some of them met with an encouraging result, and abandoned all efforts in that direction, while others pronounce it the best and most profitable forage crop that can be cultivated.

The latter, however, raised oats exclusively for hay and harvested very heavy crops. Whether satisfactory results would have attended a mature crop of oats after the thresher had separated them, is still an uncertain question, but there is no good reason assigned for failure in their cultivation. It would not be a bad idea if this kindred subjects should be discussed through the columns of the ENTERPRISE, in order that the public and especially new beginners may profit by the careful experience of others. To this end correspondence is solicited and all proper articles will be gladly published.

The Western Addition still commands the attention of purchasers of desirable residence lots, and not a week passes by without several sales being consummated. This is the most eligible portion of town for residence purposes and it possesses many advantages that commend it to the consideration of men of judgment. It is close to the business streets and still is away from the noise and dust; the soil is rich and a home can be made with plenty of shade and fruit trees, vines, etc., and the main of the Florence Water and Ice Company will soon be laid through the tract. Lots can be bought very cheaply now, but the prices are bound to advance with the growth of the town. Messrs. Oury & Guild are managing the sales and any further information, terms, etc., will be furnished upon application to them.

The roots of the fig tree sometimes reach down in the ground to an astonishing depth after moisture and almost rival the blue gum in this respect. In repairing his pump placed twelve feet below the top of the well, Mr. J. C. Harris a few days ago found that the roots of an adjacent fig tree had followed the curbing down to that depth and possibly extended further. This is undoubtedly the secret of the wonderful success of the fig in this valley, as its roots seek the moisture from great depths and eventually become independent of surface irrigation.

Special preparations for the holidays have been made at J. D. Rittenhouse's, and everything a well-balanced and intelligent Santa Claus needs in his business can be found upon the Christmas counter. There is now no necessity for any one sending away for holiday presents for the range of elegant and useful articles is wide and covers everything to be desired. Call and examine the novelties and learn how cheap they are selling.

Alliberia has made its appearance in many places along the San Pedro and adjacent ranches. It is now several inches high and furnishes the best of feed for cattle. Ten years ago not a single acre of alliberia existed in Pinal county, but it gained a foothold from a flock of sheep brought from California to Canyon de Oro, and from this small beginning it is rapidly spreading over the country this side of the Santa Catalinas.

Mr. Chas. G. Lewis has remodeled the whole interior of his bakery and will soon re-open with a restaurant attached. A private room is provided for parties or families and three general tables are in the restaurant proper. He will call his place the United States Bakery, and will make it a first-class eating house and general bakery.

Persons who have suffered losses by Indian depredations will consult their own interests by placing their claims against the government in the hands of Judge W. O. O'Neill of Prescott, who possesses facilities for a prompt adjudication of them. See his notice elsewhere.

Truth is Mighty.

Tucson Star.

Those who have been denouncing the Tortilita mines, without having seen them, may have cause to class themselves with the kickers who would rather give any kind of a business proposition a black eye in which they are not personally interested. The attack of the Herald upon these properties, was based upon the report of one Hal Sayr, who claimed to be a Colorado mining engineer and who made an examination of the mines in less than two hours declaring them to be of no value, and otherwise wholly misrepresenting the same. A syndicate of holders of Tortilita stock learning of Sayr's report of the mines, employed an eminent English mining engineer, Francis D. Taylor, to come and make an exhaustive examination of the Tortilita mines. Mr. Taylor arrived here on the 9th of November, and at once proceeded to the mines and spent ten days in exploring, shafts, tunnels, drifts, cuts and other developments, as well as making a careful study of the geological features and in fact every fact was sought which would tend to throw light upon the present and prospective value of the mines.

Mr. Taylor left for Boston on the 26th he arrived there last Friday and reports as his conclusion that he finds the property much better than the company represented it. So it seems there are two conflicting opinions.

Sayr, the Herald expert says they are no good. Mr. Taylor, the mining engineer, the holder of the Tortilita stock reports they are even better than represented by the company.

Sayr made his examination of the mines in less than two hours, and did not enter a single development of the mines.

Mr. Taylor gave ten days to the examination of the mines. Sayr as a mining engineer is not known outside of Colorado. Mr. Taylor has an international reputation as one of the most famous mining engineers of the two continents. Which of the two are to be credited with stating the facts?

Again, Sayr came here with the apparent purpose of making an adverse report, in the interest of a journal which was hostile to the Tortilita Mining Company.

Mr. Taylor came here in the interest of those who had purchased stock, with no other end in view than that of learning from careful investigation the real merit of the properties.

There can be but one conclusion as to the value of these two reports, and that is not favorable to Mr. Sayr.

Good Results in Every Case.

D. A. Bradford, wholesale paper dealer of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes that he was seriously afflicted with a severe cold that settled on his lungs; had tried many remedies without benefit. Being induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, did so and was entirely cured by use of a few bottles. Since which time he has used in his family for all coughs and colds with best results.

This is the experience of thousands whose lives have been saved by this wonderful discovery. Trial bottles free at J. D. Rittenhouse's.

"Death Loves a Shining Mark."

(Citizen, Dec. 5th.)

That dread disease, diphtheria, has again visited our circle of children, with a sad fatality, and death has claimed one of its loveliest ornaments. After a brief illness, little Johnny Stratton, the six year old son of Mr. E. O. Stratton, died at 8:30 yesterday morning.

Those who were acquainted with the little boy will feel the loss keenly, as his many endearing qualities won the hearts of all who came in contact with him. Mr. and Mrs. Stratton and the sisters and brothers of the dear departed one, have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community; in this sad affliction much consolation is derived from the sweet sentiment of the following:

"Weep not for those whom the veil of the tomb, in life's happy morning, hath hid from our eyes.

Ere sin threw a bright o'er the spirit's young bloom, Or earth had profaned what was made for the skies.

Death chilled the fair fountain ere sorrow had set it in'd; 'Twas frozen in all the pure light of its course, And but sleeps till the sunshine of Heaven has unshin'd it.

Weep not for him, in the spring time he flew To that land where the wings of the soul are unfurled.

And now, like a star beyond evening's cold dew Looks radiantly down on the tears of this world.

An End to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having suffered so long with the Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well."

Electric Bitters are sold at fifty cents a bottle, postpaid, at J. D. Rittenhouse's at 25 cents per box by J. D. Rittenhouse.

A mortgage has been filed in the Recorder's office in this county, executed by W. H. Gilver, president, and attested by Chas. E. Walker, secretary, of the Tucson, Globe and Northern Railroad company, mortgaging to the American Loan and Trust Company of Boston all its properties of whatever kind and nature as security for money to be advanced on its bonds for the building and equipment of said railroad, not to exceed \$20,000 per mile. The road is to be constructed a distance of 210 miles.

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry left at the Florence Hotel, or sent by express or mail, will be promptly repaired and warranted at Julius Luedke's Jewelry Store. With Luedke Bros. Pinal, Arizona.

It is hoped some one will take the initiative step in organizing a Sunday school by which the children may receive the benefit of the moral teachings incident thereto, even though the older folks have not the privilege of attending any protestant church. There are scores of young people who would gladly attend a Sunday School and it would keep many of them from evil associations.

Guitar and Violin Strings and Violin Bridges at Weedon & Meek's.

The tax collector has not been kept very busy so far, in giving receipts for taxes, and unless a better showing is made next week the delinquent list will be exceedingly large. Many who put off until the last moment possible the payment of taxes may yet walk up and settle before the 19th inst.

Arizona News.

Prescott editors went sleigh riding last Saturday.

The M. E. University building at Phenix will be three stories high.

Frank Johnson, a Phenix baker, fell and broke an arm while skating at the rink.

A foot of snow fell at Prescott on the 2nd inst., following the heavy rains of last week.

Ed. Low the Prescott station agent, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in the second degree.

Miss Violet Linville fractured her right arm by a fall at the Phenix skating rink Tuesday night.

Governor Waterman has appointed T. E. Farish of Phenix, commissioner of Deeds for California.

The Atlantic & Pacific railroad company has filed a lien amounting to \$43,000 against the Mineral Belt road.

Frank McBride, an old settler of Arizona and a Mexican war veteran, died at Yuma on Saturday, Nov. 26th.

A recent telegram from San Diego to Prescott reached its destination twenty-four hours after the time required by due course of mail.

Al. Mussett had his foot badly crushed in the gearing of a hay press near Phenix, Tuesday morning. A number of small bones were broken.

W. G. Oliver, post trader at Whipple, died of Bright's disease at Bobaycon, Ontario, on November 20th. He was an upright man and a good citizen.

Bradybury, a Phenix piano-tuner, skipped out after victimizing many who unwisely put too much faith in his integrity. He claimed to be a near relative of W. B. Bradybury the music publisher and composer.

Wiley Blair, a newcomer from Weather field, Texas, died in Phenix, Monday night, of hemorrhage of the lungs. He was 48 years of age and for two years had been travelling on the Pacific coast hoping to benefit his health.

A petition, addressed to the President is being circulated through the county, asking that the western line of the White Mountain Indian Reservation, be changed so that the town of McMillen and its adjacent area of land be cut off from the reservation. It is proposed to run the new line N. E. about six miles from Chrome Butte to Sugar Loaf Mountain and from thence back in a north-westerly direction, to the present survey line. This survey will be in the shape of a triangle and includes an area of about fifteen square miles.—Globe Silver Belt.

CHRISTMAS.

Just Received a large assortment of Christmas Toys and Novelties and more to arrive this week, comprising of the following:

Fine China Tea and Coffee Cups and Saucers, decorated.

Fine China Tea Sets, Mugs and Mush sets.

Fine China Ornaments and Table Glassware.

Decorated and Plain Bedroom Sets. These goods are of the latest style and very low.

Christmas and New Year Cards.

Rubber Dolls, dressed and undressed.

Bisque Dolls, dressed and undressed.

China Dolls, dressed and undressed.

Drums, Watches.

Blocks, Tops, Tea Sets.

Scrap Books, Albums.

Work Boxes, Odor Cases.

Velvet Frames, Tea Sets.

Ladies Bags, Toy Soldiers.

Guns, Pistols.

Swords, Musical Toys.

Balloons, Whips.

Nine Pins, Paint Boxes, &c., &c., at J. D. Rittenhouse's.

A Vegetable Diet.

A vegetarian reports to the British medical Journal the result of his first year's experience without meat. At first he found vegetables insipid and had to use sauces to get them down. As soon as he became accustomed to the diet all condiments were put aside except a little salt. The desire for alcohol and tobacco left him spontaneously. Then all his digestive functions became regular, and he found himself wholly free from headaches and bilious attacks. After three months a troublesome rheumatism left him, and at the end of a year he had gained eight pounds in weight. He believes he can do more mental labor than before and that all his senses are more acute. For breakfast he has brown bread, apples and coffee; dinner consists of two vegetables, brown bread and pie or pudding; for tea he rejoices in bread and jam, with milk and water; for supper, bread, jam, cold pudding, and, as a luxury, boiled onions. Eggs, milk, butter and cheese are used only in very small quantities. The diet is a doctor, and his statement is drawing out similar ones from medical men.

The rich pocket of the now famous Howard mine, near Prescott, has been worked out after yielding \$3,000 in gold. The mine is now turning out fair quantities of ore that will mill \$100 per ton, which is good enough for anybody.

Rooted Grapes.

Three thousand grape roots for sale cheap; also a lot of ornamental trees and a limited number of Geraniums in pots. S. B. REMY.

Florence, Dec. 8th, 1887.

Mr. C. A. Smith, of Silver King, came down on Thursday to accompany his friend Mr. T. M. Daulton who left for Seattle, Washington Territory. Mr. Smith says there is general regret at the departure of Mr. Daulton, whose character as a man and reputation as a careful engineer, are too well known to need any word of commendation. He still holds cattle interests in this section and has formed a very favorable business connection at Seattle, in which his opportunities for attaining wealth appear very flattering.

Sole Agents for Pinal Co.

Of Nitro Safety Powder Company. No. 1 & 2 Giant Powder, Caps and Fuse always on hand. Mining Superintendents and others will find it to their advantage to give us their orders. J. D. Rittenhouse.

Banana trees are growing in Florence and exhibit as robust an appearance as though they were indigenous to the place. There is no room to doubt that the banana and all the citrus fruits will grow on the mesa lands under the Florence canal to a rare degree of perfection. The few experiments made in this line are highly encouraging and will undoubtedly lead to a more general effort in this direction.

Indian Depredations.

All persons who have claims against the government for losses sustained through Indian depredations in Arizona and New Mexico will find it to their interest to communicate immediately with the undersigned in regards to the same, if they desire to take advantage of the laws lately passed by Congress to reimburse all parties who have suffered such losses. Wm. O. O'NEIL, Attorney-at-Law, Prescott, Arizona.

Arrangements have been fully completed for the erection of a smelter in Tucson and Mr. R. H. Paul is busy taking down his Columbia smelter and hauling it to the ancient and honorable pueblo. It is thirty-ton plant and if the miners in that section bestir themselves to keep it supplied with ore, it will be an important factor in the prosperity of that place.

A full assortment of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Spectacles always on hand at Julius Luedke's. Store with Luedke Bros. Pinal, Arizona.

Mr. R. G. Andre, of Phenix, is still another victim of the dangers of roller skating and on Tuesday night he fell while practising at the Phenix rink, and broke a bone of the left fore-arm. Several of the Phenix skaters would profit by placing hob nails in their skates and hang on to a balloon for support while cutting a pigeon-wing.

Full line of perfumes at Weedon & Meek's.

A lot of new type and other materials have been just received by the ENTERPRISE and it is better prepared than ever before to supply any and all kinds of job work, equal in quality and fully as cheap as any other printing house in the Territory. Give the ENTERPRISE a call and examine samples.

40,000 pounds of lime for sale at J. M. Ochoco's.

A party of hunters consisting of Messrs. F. E. McCarty, B. Mayhew, Wm. Mayhew, W. P. Eaton and T. F. Weedon, left yesterday morning for a trip up the river. They intend to be gone three days and will return with ample accommodations to bring home a carload of game.

Sand Paper and Emery Cloth at Weedon & Meek's.

The preparations are nearly completed at the Silver King mill for the boiler and engine that are to replace the several others now in use. The improvements being made by the Silver King company all tend to the economical handling and treatment of the ore.

Imported Mexican Cigars at Weedon & Meek's.

The town bears a decidedly quiet and pious appearance just now, owing to the fact that all the farmers and their hands are busily at work getting in crops and clearing other land for cultivation, and the mine owners are doing their annual assessment work in the mountains.

Hair Brushes, Clothes Brushes and Tooth Brushes at Weedon & Meek's.

Ed. Scheffelin, the discoverer of the Tombstone mines and a millionaire of leisure, was in Phenix a few days ago. He is about to engage in another prospecting trip, the passion for rambling over the hills being to strong too be successfully resisted.

Combs at Weedon & Meek's.

Stage travel has been unusually brisk this week and full coaches have run both ways between Florence and the railroad.

Toilet Articles at Weedon & Meek's.

The descriptive folders of this valley, with map, were shipped from San Francisco on Friday, December 2nd, and by the average run of transportation events they should arrive here to-morrow, or early next week at the latest. There are 25,000 of them and they are intended for free distribution abroad.

Sam Drachman, of Tucson, not only sells the best cigars in the Territory, but is agent for the Louisiana Lottery and will sell tickets that win.

The new law requires the payment of taxes on or before December 19th, and the Board of Supervisors are not given power to extend further time. All taxpayers should therefore respond promptly before that date and save the penalty imposed. Remember, the taxes must be paid on or before Monday, December 19th, and only a little more than a week's time intervenes.

Sale for Sale.

Having received a new, large safe, the estate of J. D. Rittenhouse will sell the one previously in use at a low price. It is one of the Hall's Safe and Lock Company's make and is in good condition.

A Valuable Medical Treatise

The edition for 1888 of the sterling Medical Annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States. Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere. This almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one-fifth of a century. It combines, with the soundest practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, &c., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1888 will probably be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., on receipt of a two-cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one in his neighborhood.

Hotel Arrivals.

The following are among recent arrivals at the Florence Hotel.

T. Nicholas, Chris. Kuehn, Pinal; A. Ellaser, Los Angeles; M. Kennedy, Riverside; Wm. Harrington, Cottonwood; Miss Marshall, Miss Squires, Casa Grande; R. A. Smith, Zellweger's ranch; Maurice Culley, Silver King; Luke Smith,